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10. [ ] Bill Skidmore, OMB, returned my call of Friday and I questioned him regarding the procedure for handling the submission of comments on S.1, the bill to revise Title 18 of the U.S. Criminal Code. Skidmore said under the circumstances they had waived OMB clearance procedures, that reporting agencies should submit their reports directly to the Committee as well as to the Department of Justice which is coordinating all comments for the Executive Branch. Skidmore said the bill was just too voluminous and complicated to go through the normal clearance procedures. I have advised [ ], OGC, who is preparing our reply on this.

11. [ ] Called Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriation Committee staff, and alerted him to the possible problems that might be encountered with the Hughes amendment to the Foreign Assistance bill as modified by our language. I raised the Committee jurisdiction question with McConnell since the bill would cut off all funds under the Foreign Assistance Act or any other act for purposes of covert activities unless the President makes a finding and a subsequent report to the Congress. McConnell did not recall this amendment and thanked me for letting him know about it.

12. [ ] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about the implications of the Hughes amendment to the Foreign Assistance bill, S. 3394. I suggested some possible alternatives by which Senator Stennis might tackle this problem including the possibility of moving to delete the Hughes amendment with the understanding the Senate would then take up Stennis' amendments to the National Security Act, S. 2597. I said conceivably the House committee could then add the Director's Intelligence Sources and Methods legislation for acceptance by the Senate either on the floor or in conference. I told him I thought this was not too extreme a procedure in view of the fact that Senator Proxmire had successfully obtained Senate passage of a measure comparable to the Stennis bill although it failed in the House. Braswell said he thought it would be difficult to do this since Stennis would have to report his bill out of committee without having held hearings on it. In any event we agreed I would provide Braswell with a talking paper and possible colloquy for use on the Senate floor on this.

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